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## **REDDING MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGE**

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott and Acting Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division Matthew Friedrich announced today that RON SEAN ARTER Jr., 29, of Redding, Calif., pleaded guilty today to one count of possession of child pornography and to three violations of his supervised release conditions.

The case is the product of a joint investigation of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS) High Technology Investigative Unit, and the Redding Police Department.

This case emerged out of Project Safe Childhood (PSC), a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorney's Offices, PSC marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about PSC, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

According to Assistant United States Attorney Camil A. Skipper and CEOS Trial Attorney Bonnie L. Kane, ARTER was convicted in 2002 of possession and transportation of child pornography and sentenced to 33 months in prison. In 2004, ARTER began a three-year term of supervised release, the conditions of which required ARTER to not commit another criminal offense, possess pornographic material or use a computer to access the Internet. According to information contained in plea documents, while on supervised release in 2006, ARTER was arrested in Redding after police discovered that he was using a concealed camera to film underneath the skirt of an 11-year-old girl. Information contained in the plea documents also revealed that ARTER filmed underneath the skirts of other minor girls and adult women in the Redding area and that ARTER secretly used his girlfriend's laptop computer to download and possess child pornography from the Internet.

As part of his plea agreement, ARTER faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, and lifetime supervised release following his release from prison. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables and any applicable statutory sentencing factors. ARTER's sentencing is scheduled for December 5, 2008 at 9:00 AM.

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